

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Wells

Q. How can I find information about the well on my property?

A. Water well contractors have been required to submit a well completion report for all wells since 1985. These cards are in file cabinets on the second floor of B-1. The public is welcome to review these records –Monday through Friday 8am – 5pm. The completion reports are filed by township and range; you will need to have a legal description of the property in question in order to review the appropriate file for the section(s) that you are looking for. These completion reports are not on a database.

Q. My well was drilled before 1985. How do I find how deep it is?

A. SFWMD does not have any completion reports for wells drilled before 1985. They are not available from any agency, because they were not required before 1985. If you have a well drilled before 1985 and you want information on it, you must contact a licensed water well contractor to perform a well log.

Q. I want to put in an irrigation well at my business. What kind of permits do I need?

A. You will need a Water Use permit (which gives you a legal right to use the water) and, depending what county you live in, you may need a well construction permit to install the well.

Q. How do I obtain a Water Use permit?

A. The South Florida Water Management District issues Water Use permits. Please call 561-686-8800, ask for the Water Use Regulation Division, and we will mail or fax you the water use permit application forms. The permit application forms are also available online at www.sfwmd.gov.

Q. How do I obtain a Well Construction permit?

A. It depends upon the location of your project. The SFWMD has delegated well permitting to several other government agencies. The following list can tell you who to contact for a well construction permit. You may also call Ann Marie Superchi at 561-682-6929 for well permitting information.

Collier County (EXC*)

Mr. Don Nobles
Collier County Customer Services
2800 N. Horseshoe Dr.
Naples, FL 34104
(941) 403-2391 FAX (941) 643-6968

Hendry County (all wells)

Mr. Bill Jennings
Hendry/Glades County Health Dept.
P.O. Box 70
LaBelle, FL 33975
(863) 674-4047 ext.152 FAX (863) 674-4026

Lee County (EXL*)

Mr. Jack McCoy, P.G.
 Lee County NRM, 1st Floor Permitting
 1500 Monroe Street
 Ft. Myers, FL 33901
 (941) 479-8146 FAX (941) 479-8399

City of Cape Coral (EXCC*)

Mr. Mike Cason
 City of Cape Coral
 P.O. Box 150027
 Cape Coral, FL 33915-0027
 (941) 574-0875 FAX (941) 574-0882

Martin County (all wells)

Ms. Michelle Freddett
 Martin Co. Health Dept.
 620 S. Dixie Highway
 Stuart, FL 34994
 (772) 221 4090 FAX (772) 221-4967

Miami-DadeCounty (EXMD*)

Ms. Rena Chen
 DERM, Water Supply Section
 33 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 500
 Miami, FL 33130-1540
 (305) 372-6639 FAX (305) 372-6631

Okeechobee County (all wells)

Mr. John Burton
 Okeechobee Health Dept.
 1728 NW 9th Avenue
 (PO Box 1879)
 Okeechobee, FL 34973-1879 (863) 462-5812 FAX (863) 462-5218

Osceola County (all wells)

Mr. Frank Wolf
 Osceola County Health Dept.
 P.O. Box 450309
 Kissimmee, FL 34745-0309
 (407) 343-2070 FAX (407) 343-2072

St. Lucie County (all wells)

Ms. Deborah Pizzimenti
 St. Lucie County Health Unit
 5150 NW Milner Dr.
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
 (772) 873-4931 FAX (772) 873-4893

Please note the above is a list of the agencies that the SFWMD has delegated well permitting to. *There may be other counties or municipalities that permit wells even though the SFWMD has not delegated well permitting to them.*

Palm Beach Co. Public Health Unit (NDPB*)

P.O. Box 29
 901 Evernia Street
 West Palm Beach, FL 33402
 ATTN: Mr. Tom LeFevre, Plan Review
 Environmental Science & Engineering
 (561) 355-3070 X 1136

Orange County Health Dept. (NDOC*)

P.O. Box 3187
 Orlando, FL 32802
 ATTN: Ms. Kathy Fuchs
 Environmental Health
 (407) 836-2550

Frank Lombardo (issue well permits for Palm Beach County) 561-233-5139.

(Note: Hendry County Health Dept., Martin County Health Dept., Okeechobee County Health Dept., Osceola County Health Dept., and St. Lucie County Health Dept., permit all wells of all sizes and types in their respective counties.)

EXC*-**Collier County** permits all wells of all sizes EXCEPT those Collier-County owned projects where the well is 6" in diameter and larger. SFWMD permits the 6" and larger Collier County owned wells.

EXL*- **Lee County** permits all wells of all sizes except for wells located in the City of Cape Coral, the City of Ft. Myers, wells located on Sanibel Island, and Lee County owned projects. SFWMD permits wells 6" and larger located in the City of Ft. Myers, Sanibel Island and Lee County owned wells or public water supply wells of any diameter that serve 25 people or more, in those locations.

EXCC*- **City of Cape Coral** permits all wells except wells owned by the City of Cape Coral. SFWMD permits Cape Coral owned wells 6" and larger.

EXMD*-**Miami-Dade County DERM** issues well permits for wells 6" and larger, except for Miami-Dade County owned wells. SFWMD permits the wells 6" and larger that are owned by Miami-Dade County.

NDPB*-There is no formal delegation between **Palm Beach County** Health Dept. and the SFWMD. Palm Beach County Health Dept. issues permits for small wells. SFWMD issues well permits for wells 6" and larger and public water supply wells of any diameter that serve 25 people or more, no matter whom owns the project.

NDOC*- There is currently no formal delegation between **Orange County** Health Dept and the SFWMD. Orange County Health Dept issues permits for small wells. SFWMD issues well permits for wells 6" and larger and public water supply wells of any diameter that serve 25 people or more, no matter whom owns the project.

There is currently no formal delegation of well permitting to any agency in **Broward County**. SFWMD issues well permits for all wells 6" and larger and all public water supply wells (of any diameter) that serve 25 people or more. A well permit may be required from a local or county governmental agency.

There is currently no formal delegation of well permitting to any agency in **Charlotte County**. SFWMD issues well permits for all wells 6" and larger and all public water supply wells (of any diameter) that serve 25 people or more. A well permit may be required from a local or county governmental agency.

There is currently no formal delegation of well permitting to any agency in **Glades County**. SFWMD issues well permits for all wells 6" and larger and all public water supply wells (of any diameter) that serve 25 people or more. A well permit may be required from a local or county governmental agency.

There is currently no formal delegation of well permitting to any agency in **Highlands County**. SFWMD issues well permits for all wells 6" and larger and all public water supply wells (of any diameter) that serve 25 people or more. A well permit may be required from a local or county governmental agency.

There is currently no formal delegation of well permitting to any agency in **Monroe County**. SFWMD issues well permits for all wells 6" and larger and all public water supply wells (of any diameter) that serve 25 people or more. A well permit may be required from a local or county governmental agency.

There is currently no formal delegation of well permitting to any agency in **Polk County**. SFWMD issues well permits for all wells 6" and larger and all public water supply wells (of any diameter) that serve 25 people or more. A well permit may be required from a local or county governmental agency.